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"AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINITION OF AND GUIDELINES FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to conduct a study of alternative school programs offered by local and
5 regional boards of education. Such study shall include (1) an
6 examination of alternative school programs, including, but not limited
7 to, (A) enrollment and discharge criteria, including methods to obtain
8 parental consent, (B) enrollment data by gender, race and ethnicity, (C)
9 the curriculum offered, (D) the length of the school day and school
10 year, (E) attendance rates, (F) truancy rates, (G) graduation rates, and
11 (H) student academic performance, (2) an evaluation of each such
12 alternative school program that measures the effectiveness of such
13 alternative school program in meeting the needs of students enrolled
14 in such alternative school program, and (3) a statement on the degree

15 to which each such alternative school program complies with sections
16 10-15, 10-16 and 10-16b of the general statutes. Each local or regional
17 board of education that offers an alternative school program shall
18 provide the department all information relating to such alternative
19 school program for purposes of such study. For purposes of this
20 section, "alternative school program" includes, but is not limited to, (A)
21 alternative school programs, pursuant to section 10-220 of the general
22 statutes, (B) alternative educational opportunities, pursuant to sections
23 10-19m, 10-69 and 10-233d of the general statutes, (C) alternative
24 programs, pursuant to sections 10-4p, 10-263c and 10-266q of the
25 general statutes, (D) alternative schools, pursuant to section 10-94e of
26 the general statutes, (E) alternative high schools, pursuant to sections
27 10-220d and 10-223h of the general statutes, and (F) alternative schools
28 or programs operated by local or regional boards of education in
29 which struggling or at-risk students are educated separately from the
30 students enrolled in the general education program provided by such
31 boards of education.

32 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

33 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
34 one of whom is a representative of Connecticut Voices for Children
35 and one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of
36 Alternative Schools and Programs;

37 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
38 of whom is an administrator of an alternative school program for a
39 school district that is in a town with a population less than twenty
40 thousand and one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut
41 Association of Boards of Education;

42 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
43 Representatives who is a representative of the Connecticut Juvenile
44 Justice Alliance;

45 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who is an

46 administrator of an alternative school program for a school district that
47 is in a town with a population equal to or greater than twenty
48 thousand, but less than or equal to fifty thousand;

49 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
50 Representatives who is a representative of the Center for Children's
51 Advocacy;

52 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who is an
53 administrator of an alternative school program for a school district that
54 is in a town with a population greater than fifty thousand;

55 (7) One appointed by the chairperson of the Black and Puerto Rican
56 Caucus of the General Assembly who is a member of the Black and
57 Puerto Rican Caucus of the General Assembly;

58 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

59 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (9) of
60 subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General
61 Assembly.

62 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
63 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
64 filled by the appointing authority.

65 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
66 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
67 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
68 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
69 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

70 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
71 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
72 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

73 (g) Not later than January 1, 2015, the task force shall submit a

74 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
75 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
76 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
77 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
78 that it submits such report or January 1, 2015, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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